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1. The acute financial situation of the Partido Comunista del Ecuador (PCE) is once again under special study by leaders of the Guayas Provincial Committee. It has been decided to sponsor several raffles in the near future, the winning numbers to be the same as those of the Guayaquil lottery.
2. Tickets are already being sold to a raffle of an "elegant and authentic Chinese robe, completely embroidered by hand". This robe is on display at the PCE newsstand in Guayaquil and is to be raffled on 27 May 1953. Each ticket bears four three-letter numbers; the winning ticket must bear the same three final numbers as the winning number of the lottery of the same date.
3. The tickets are being sold at \$/5.00 each. Since a maximum of 250 can be issued, this lottery could net the Provincial Committee of the PCE a maximum of \$/1250, equivalent to approximately \$75.
4. PCE members in the Guayaquil area have been asked to submit their views on effective methods for raising additional funds for the Party.

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